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## CALTRANS REOPENS NEWLY PAVED NORTHBOUND LANES ON I-15 IN BAKER

**BAKER**– The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is nearing the completion of twenty-six miles of pavement rehabilitation of the I-15 and the addition of an 18-mile truck-descending lane on southbound I-15 from Baker to Halloran Summit. The newly paved lanes on northbound I-15 from Baker to Cima Road are now open.

The contractor's work will continue for 5-6 more weeks to finish paving southbound I-15, stripe the lanes, and remove k-rail. A small amount of striping will take place on northbound I-15. The contractor will be working extended hours in order to get the work done as quickly as possible. Lane closures will be in effect Monday through Thursday from 4:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for a 2-mile stretch and may cause some delays to motorists. No lane closures will take place over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.

The newly paved roadway will provide a smooth and quieter ride for motorists. The truck-descending lane will allow slower vehicles to keep right and will enable other vehicles to maintain a steady flow of traffic. This \$50.7 million project, which began in the summer of 2002, will improve the overall efficiency and save time for motorists.

Your patience is appreciated during the completion phase of this construction project. Keep alert, pay attention and watch out for irresponsible drivers when entering a highway work zone. Please slow for the cone zone.

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